



# The Sun

ADC GRAND RAPIDS MI 493 \*\*\* R001  
HOAG & SON'S BOOK BINDERY  
127 RAILROAD ST  
12/31/99  
SPRINGPORT MI 49284 - 9769



## Sun Spots

**Children's Fishing Contest is April 8**  
The Black Gold Jubilee Children's Fishing Contest will be Saturday, April 8 at the Belle Glade Marina. The event, hosted by Belle Glade Fire Rescue, begins at 9 a.m. and is free and open to all children ages 5-15. Registration forms can be picked up early at the Belle Glade City Hall, Belle Glade Fire Rescue, the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce or at any of the local schools.

**Come meet Tiger**  
Come meet Tiger at the Belle Glade Branch Library on Saturday, April 8 at 2:30 p.m. Children ages 3-7 can enjoy stories, songs and face painting. For more information, please call the library at 998-3433.

**Volunteer Orientation**  
The American Red Cross Glades area branch is looking for residents of the Glades area to get involved with various programs and services offered by the American Red Cross. There will be a new volunteer orientation on Monday, April 5 at 6 p.m. at the office located at 196 U.S. Highway 27, South in South Bay. For more information contact the American Red Cross office at 992-9703.

**Jubilee Volleyball**  
The deadline for teams to enter the Jubilee Volleyball Tournament is fast approaching. Volleyball Chairman Dick Schmidt said the application deadline is April 7. To enter your team, call Mr. Schmidt at 998-8782 or the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce at 998-2745.

**Harvest Queen Pageant**  
The Harvest Queen Pageant will be held April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 and are available at First Community Bank in Belle Glade. For more information, call Becky White at 998-5000.

**Lake Level**  
March 28  
14.97 ft. above sea level  
**INDEX**  
Classifieds.....12 & 13  
School News.....7  
Speak Out.....4  
Sports.....9  
Obituaries.....6  
Afro Arts photos.....11

## Scenic Trail closer to reality

**By Tracy Whirls**  
Comparing South Bay's renovated city hall to a phoenix rising from the ashes, Palm Beach County Commissioner Tony Masilotti told those attending the city's Open House that the future of the city is bright.

"The future of the Glades, South Bay, all the way around the lake to Canal Point is brighter than it's ever been" and this new facility is one more spoke in the wheel," Commissioner Masilotti said.

The commissioner said the Governor's Office has agreed to commit the \$30 million for the construction of the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail. Currently in the design phase, the trail will consist of hiking, and equestrian trails, bathhouses every six miles, with campsites atop the dike as well as trailheads at South Bay, and the other communities around the lake.

"The goal of the entire project is the revitalization of the Glades," Commissioner Masilotti said, noting that the trailheads will give small business owners the opportunity to establish restaurants, bed and breakfasts, camping outfitters and other services near the lake accesses. These

new businesses will bring job opportunities to local residents, the Commissioner said, and will help insure that prosperity is shared throughout the county, rather than being limited to the coast.

Commissioner Masilotti, the long time mayor of Royal Palm



Tony Masilotti

Beach, said three things are key to making a community successful: good schools and recreational opportunities for children, job opportunities for local residents and maintaining contact with civic groups.

He noted that Belle Glade is moving forward with the development of its business park.

See Development/Pg. 10

## Midlands Navigation to sail year round in Pahokee

Palm Beach County Commissioner Tony Masilotti told the Pahokee Commission at their regular meeting Tuesday night that Midlands Navigation, which has operated its canal boat rental business from the Pahokee Marina for the past year, has decided to house the fleet there year round beginning next fall.

"They've been successful beyond their wildest dreams, earning over 500 percent of what they anticipated the first year, which should tell businesses seeking to relocate that Pahokee is the place to be," Commissioner Masilotti

said. The commissioner said with the commitment from the state to begin construction of the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail in 12-14 months, the marina will be the key to refocusing redevelopment efforts in Pahokee.

In a related matter, the commissioners agreed to spend \$125,000 in bond issue money to make repairs at the marina, damaged by Hurricane Irene, including \$90,000 to repair the bait shop, \$35,000 to screen in washrooms and \$15,000 in road improvements at the campground.

## PBCC honors Glades 'Women of Accomplishment'

**By Tracy Whirls**  
Palm Beach Community College Glades Campus honored 35 Glades area "Women of Accomplishment" Monday night at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade.

Dr. Helen B. Franke, provost of PBCC's Glades Campus said the women representing the fields of agriculture, arts, banking, business, child care, communications, community service, education, health, law, law enforcement, medicine, politics, and social services are the "tip of the iceberg," in terms of area women deserving of recognition for their accomplishments.

"I was tremendously impressed with two things—their diversity and their commonality," Dr. Franke said. "When I looked at where, not when, they were born, 16 were from Palm Beach County, or elsewhere in Florida, 17 from other states outside Florida. All

but two were born in the United States—one was born in Cuba and one in the Philippines.

"When you look at their economic backgrounds, some of these women came from homes where they had cooks or maids, some worked in migrant fields and had no money. Some received PhDs, while others had little formal education. Some were teen single parents.

One worked in her future husband's business. Some had husbands who died young, leaving them with a new business and young children."

"Despite their diverse backgrounds, Dr. Franke said, the women all had one thing in common: they've all made a difference in the community and the lives of individuals.

"Their background they had no control over. But they made

the commitment to get the skills and the education to get the job they wanted and the focus, energy and creativity to do the job well," Ms. Franke said.

The honorees, in alphabetical order include:

•Dr. Esther E. Berry, Commissioner City of South Bay and professor at Palm Beach Community College/Glades who received the

Politics Award.

•Jerry K. Blakely, vice president, First Union Bank, Belle Glade, who received the Banking Award.

•Barbara Branch, secretary/treasurer, Hugh H. Branch, Inc., Belle Glade, who received the Community Service Award.

•Brenda Bunting, editor, The Sun (newspaper) Belle Glade, who received the Community

See Women/Page 10.

## Rescheduled Afro Arts brings out large crowd



The Glades Festival of Afro Arts was rescheduled for Saturday, March 25 at Lake Shore Park after being rained out the weekend before. There was good food and lots of entertainment. The attendees shown above were enjoying the great ethnic food. For more photos see page 11.

## Police use "stop sticks" to foil robbery suspect

Belle Glade Police used "stop sticks" to apprehend three male robbery suspects last Saturday night who had allegedly robbed a West Palm Beach woman and then fled west on State Road 80 to State Road 880.

Sgt. Darren P. Reed of the Belle Glade Police Department was asked by the Palm Beach

County Sheriff's Office to assist in stopping three male juveniles who had allegedly robbed a 44-year-old Gale Kossie. The suspects refused to stop for several deputies and continued driving toward Belle Glade in a 1998 Ford Ranger pickup. Sgt. Reed coordinated stopping traffic on SR 880 and

then placed the hollow spikes on the roadway. The juvenile driver ran over the spikes about 10:40 p.m. and stopped the pickup after his tires deflated. All three juveniles are being held at the juvenile correctional facility in West Palm Beach. No one was injured during the incident.

## Teens arrested in two separate incidents

Palm Beach County Sheriff's deputies charged a Pahokee teen with aggravated battery following an ongoing dispute between what they say are rival gangs. According to the looking report prepared by PBCCSO Sgt. Robert Quinones, 15-year-old juvenile from Padgett Island was arrested March 26 and charged with stabbing Richard Lyndale, 16, of Pahokee. The victim was transported to Glades General Hospital with two stab wounds in the chest. The injuries were not life-threatening.

According to Sgt. Quinones report, the stabbing was the result of a fight that had occurred Friday night during a teen dance at the Palace Night Club between the Fat Boys of Padgett Island and members of a gang called L.O.G. (Little Original Gangsters).

The suspect was turned over to the juvenile assessment center.

The Sheriff's Office deputies also charged two Belle Glade teens with burglary March 26 after responding to an alarm at Glades Central Community High.

When deputies arrived, they heard noises from the 7000 building. The 16-year-old suspects fled the building from the rear toward the officers, one allegedly carrying a small engine, the second carrying a VCR. Deputies took the first suspect into custody, while the second fled over the fence and was apprehended by a sheriff's office canine. The first suspect was taken to the youth detention center, the second transported to the county jail after being treated at Glades General Hospital.



Palm Beach Community College Glades Campus honored 35 Glades area "Women of Accomplishment" Monday night at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade. They represent more than 10 decades of experience in agriculture, arts, banking, business, child care, communications, community service, education, health, law, and law enforcement, medicine, and politics.

# THESE ARE NOT MISPRINTS!!!

# ONLY AT FLORIDA'S #1 DODGE DEALER!

**CRAZY  
PRICES** AS LOW AS  
THEY'VE  
EVER BEEN!

**AS LOW AS  
THEY'VE  
EVER BEEN!**

**ARRIGO**  
**DODGE LAND**  
West Palm Beach

**0.9% APR**  
**FINANCING**  
**UP TO 60 MONTHS**

**« 0.9% SAVES YOU »**  
**\$5,000** <sup>† IN INTEREST CHARGES!</sup>  
**HURRY!**  
**2000 CABAYAN**

**2000** **200**  
**TO CHOOSE!**  
**DODGE DURANGO**  
AUTO. P/S. P/B. A/C. P/W+L. CASS.. CRUISE

# \$199

**REBATES UP TO \$1500** **THRU MONDAY!**  
**ON ALL IN STOCK CARS!**



NEW 2000

DODGE NEON

AUTO, P/S, P/B, AIR

150 TO CHOOSE!

STARTING AT

\$11,599

OR \$99

\*\*\* A MONTH PLUS TAX

NEW

NEW 2000 DODGE DAKOTA SPORT

P/S, P/B, OVERDRIVE TRANS., A/C

100 TO CHOOSE!

12,999

39

STARTING AT

OR 1.9%

\*\*\* 1 MO. PLUS TAX

**2000 DODGE RAM 1500**  
OVER DRIVE TRANSMISSION, A/C & MUCH MORE!  
**200 RAMS TO CHOOSE!** **\$13,999** **\$129** A MO. PLUS TAX  
STARTING AT OR

**2000** **DODGE INTREPID** **NEW**  
V6, AUTO, A/C, P/W+L, PWR MIRRORS, TILT  
**50** **18,499** **159**  
TO CHOOSE! STARTING AT OR A DAY PLUS TAX  
**LOADED!**

**2000** **DODGE STRATUS**  
P/S, P/B, A/C, P/W+L, TILT, CASS.

**100 TO CHOOSE!**

**\$13,995**

**STARTING AT**

**NEW**

**2000 DODGE RAM CLUB CAB**  
V-8, OVERDRIVE TRANSMISSION,  
AIR CONDITIONING & MUCH MORE!  
**200 RAMS TO CHOOSE!** **\$17,999\***  
STARTING AT

\*0.9% APR in lieu of factory rebates. †Savings based on MSRP financed for 60 months at 0.9% APR versus MSRP financed for 60 months at 0.9% APR. ‡Dealer retains all rebates & incentives including qualified college graduate rebates, plus tax, tag and dealer fees. Chrysler registered sales for month of July 1999. § Dodge Durango, 30 hp, lease, 12k miles per year, \$139/mo. † \$4000 cash reduction, cash or trade plus incentives. Minimum 720 Beacon score or above. With approved credit, 3 vehicles to choose at this price. \*\*24 mo. lease, 12k miles per year, \$4000 cash reduction, cash or trade plus incentives. Minimum 720 Beacon score or above. With approved credit, 3 vehicles to choose at this price. ††24 mo. lease, 12k miles per year, \$4000 cash reduction, cash or trade plus incentives. Minimum 720 Beacon score or above. With approved credit, 1 vehicle to choose at this price. Offers cannot be combined. ‡‡See dealer for details. Vehicle sold as illustrated only. ©2000 Chrysler LLC.



**ARRIGO**  
**DODGELAND**  
West Palm Beach

**ONE BLOCK  
WEST OF  
I-95 ON  
OKEECHOBEE**

SE HABLA ESPAÑOL  
PARLEZ VOUS FRANÇAIS & CRÉOLE

(561) 683-1511 • 1-800-DODGE NOW [www.arrigododge.com](http://www.arrigododge.com)





# OPINION PAGE

Feel strongly about local issues?



## The Sun

INVITES YOU TO  
**SPEAK OUT!**  
(561) 996-6636

Speak Out is our 24-hour opinion line.

Call 996-6636 to express your opinion or ask questions about public issues.

You are not required to give your name. While we want you to speak out freely, the newspaper reserves the right to edit calls for clarity, brevity, relevance and fairness.

### Hash it out in private

"I attended the last Pahokee City Council meeting. I was appalled at the behavior and attitude of one of the police officers. He was totally out of line.

If this officer has a problem, he should sit down with the Chief of Police and talk about it. Apparently, this person is very disoriented about the way he feels about things. He's not happy. I think this behavior should not be allowed at a council meeting by the mayor. It should be taken care of behind closed doors and if it's not, then it should be taken care of somewhere else other than the council meetings. This is bad.

Thank you."

### Election is about free speech

"Mayor Davis of the City of Pahokee, you are a firm believer in freedom of speech and the right way. Please remember this during the campaign.

The campaign people are allowed to say what they want to say. So, remember, you are a firm believer in free speech and in treating people fairly.

Let's see how you react to this election."

### Praise for City of Belle Glade Sanitation Department

"I live in the northeast section of town and I want to give praise where praise is due. The Belle Glade Sanitation Department was very nice to come out and fill in the holes at the side of the road where the trash is picked up. They brought out some dirt.

I want to praise them for what they have done, but it's a shame and a disgrace the way they put this dirt there, you walk around this community and people are not using the recycle bins the way they should. They are throwing cans, garbage, diapers, and other junk right there where the city put the dirt.

Solid Waste Recycling is supposed to pick up the yard trash and they are not doing it. They are picking up the yard trash, but they're also having to pick up the recycle and the regular garbage.

Can the city not make people put the trash in the garbage cans instead of by the road? It looks like some people who live in these houses don't give a darn.

Also, is there any way we could get the ditch cleaned out again? It's gotten to where people have just thrown so many bottles and cans and stuff in there.

I know it's not the city's fault, but it seems as if the city could do something to make them stop throwing this stuff in there."

### Property is a hazard

"I would like for someone to tell me why a piece of property can become such an eyesore and safety hazard for the public and the code enforcement board either doesn't care or turns a blind eye.

I speak of the old Lake Equipment Tractor Company off State Road 715, just south of Glades Airport.

The roof is mostly blown off, the remainder is a danger to motorists in a high wind. It is also being used as a dump site.

I know the owner of this property can afford to clean it up, so come on, get it done."

### City employee has questions

"I have several questions I would like answered. I would like to know why some of the employees for the City of Belle Glade who were promised raises did not receive them and some did? Only the chosen ones received raises.

We were told that under phase two all long time employees who did not receive a raise under phase one would receive it under phase two. Why didn't this occur?

Also, why is it mandatory for some employees to have a telephone in their residence and others don't have to? I think this is a little biased."

**Editor's note:** I understand why this caller might feel uncomfortable asking this question of his or her bosses. This is why Speak Out exists, to allow for fair, but free speech without retribution.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to get answers to this caller's questions. Mayor Harma Miller has said publicly she will no longer respond to citizens questions or concerns in Speak Out. She has directed city staff to consider doing the same, but has asked the City Manager to come up with how department heads and the city will respond to Speak Out in the future.

Mayor Miller says city employees are spending too much time responding to Speak Out. Many city officials say Speak Out is unfair and callers should sign their name. We have always tried to give officials the opportunity to respond to any questions or concerns raised in Speak Out. Many Speak Out calls are edited, or do not run at all, if they are too inflammatory.

If some of the City of Belle Glade's elected officials do not wish to be afforded the courtesy of being able to respond in the same column, we will discontinue sending them the information before it is printed.

Speak Out calls continue on Page 5



"STAY HOME FROM WORK AND USE UP MY SICK DAYS ... ARE YOU CRAZY! I USE THEM WHEN I'M FEELING GOOD TO GO SHOPPING."

## Letters to the Editor

### Student wants postcards, pictures, etc.

Dear Editor:

I am an eighth grade student at Washington Manor Middle School in San Leandro, California. We are doing a project where we have to plan a vacation. I would really appreciate you publishing my letter in your newspaper asking readers to send postcards, pictures or any other useful information you have about

Florida that could help me with my project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Dela Fuente  
C/O Ms. Shulte  
1170 Fargo Ave.  
San Leandro, CA 94579

### An inmate's view on the fall of young, black men

Dear Editor:

We fail because our minds are cluttered with impure thoughts and mixed motives. Our bodies are weakened by the effects of drugs and alcohol and poor decisions, and our hearts are warped by misplaced trust and the absence of love for our fellow man.

In many ways, we as young black men are empty people working our way through the problems and detours of life with little hope that things will ever change. This discouragement and dissatisfaction with life is the result of our separation from God. We as young black men spend most of our time trying to compete with others, comparing our achievements with those of our peers, and attempting to live up to their standards of acceptance. Instead of being our

selves, we become preoccupied with being who others think we should be. We as young black men fail because of our inability to accept personal responsibility. The sooner we face our problems with everyday living, the faster we become acceptable, responsible and productive members of society. We as young black men are not defeated until we accept defeat as a reality. To succeed in life as a young black man requires no more effort to aim high than it does to aim low.

Black men, our future is custom made by the way our actions are today. Peace.

Sincerely,  
Derry Brown  
Glades Correctional Institution

### Belle Glade Rescue gives tips to avoid fires

Dear Editor:

We are once again approaching the summer season of fun in the great outdoors. As we look forward to this summer, it is important that each of us keep in mind that along with the warm weather comes the threat of a devastating wildfire season. This winter's lack of rainfall has already made our county dangerously close to drought conditions. These conditions, combined with our love for outdoor events, can quickly lead to the disaster that overwhelmed Port St. Lucie residents last year.

In order for us to be wildfire free this year in the Glades, Belle Glade Fire Rescue would like to suggest a few tips that we believe will keep us safe from a fire disaster. It is important for us to clear away any dead brush, foliage or high grass away from our house. Dried pine needles and leaves are very easy to burn. Keep your roofs, gutters and flower beds clean from any build-up.

During the 1999 wildfire season, a majority of the brush and forest fires were the result of deliberate or careless acts. Someone clearing land or burning dead trees caused a fire to get out of control. A careless driver throwing a cigarette out the car window ignited a nearby field. Someone having a barbecue or campfire didn't extinguish the fire correctly.

I'm sure most of these fires were accidental (no one expects the fires to get out of control), but, nonetheless, cause a considerable amount of dollar loss.

If all of us in the Glades prepare our house and yards, and act responsibly in our use of fire, I am sure we can all enjoy a safe, and wildfire free summer.

Donald M. Hamilton,  
Fire Marshal  
City of Belle Glade

## The Sun

### A PLEDGE TO OUR READERS

We pledge...

- ✓ To operate this newspaper as a public trust.
- ✓ To help our community become a better place to live and work, through our dedication to conscientious journalism.
- ✓ To provide the information citizens need to make their own decisions about public issues.
- ✓ To report the news with honesty, accuracy, purposeful neutrality, fairness, objectivity, fearlessness and compassion.
- ✓ To use our opinion pages to facilitate community debate, not to dominate it with our own opinions.
- ✓ To correct our errors, and to give each correction the prominence it deserves.
- ✓ To provide a right to reply to those about whom we write.
- ✓ To treat people with courtesy, respect and compassion.

**PUBLISHERS' NOTICE:** All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitations or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis. **ERRORS:** The liability of the publisher on account of errors or omissions from any advertisement will in no way exceed the amount of the charge for the space occupied by the item in error, and then only for the first incurred insertion.

417 NW 16th Street, Suite 6  
Belle Glade, FL 33430  
Phone: 561-996-4404  
Fax: 561-996-2209

Brenda Bunting.....Editor & General Manager

Yvonne Jones.....Office Manager/Graphics

Tracy Whirls.....Associate Editor

Margaret Stairs.....Sales Consultant

The Sun (USPS 005026) is published weekly for \$23.00 plus tax, per year, by Independent Newspapers Inc. 417 N.W. 16th Street, Suite 6, Belle Glade, Florida 33430. Periodicals postage paid at Belle Glade, FL.

### POSTMASTER:

Send address changes to The Sun  
P.O. Box 2226, Belle Glade, FL 33430

## It's time for consumers to speak out on health care

By Bill Nelson,  
Florida State Treasurer,  
Insurance Commissioner and Fire Marshal

Have you ever taken a prescription to your pharmacy, only to be told your health plan no longer covers that drug and you'll have to get something else?

Or, has your HMO ever denied you treatment you need?

Or, maybe you've seen reports about lavish spending by some Medicare HMO's - op parties, gifts and even a luxury box at a sports arena. And you wondered if that's why your premiums have gone up, or why your benefits have been cut.

Those are just a few of the issues I'm targeting for attention by the Florida Legislature in its regular session running from now through May 5. The cost, quality and availability of health

care coverage are top priority in a package of legislative bills we've prepared for consideration by your lawmakers.

Our proposals would expand access to affordable health insurance and managed-care coverage, and provide more choices and needed protections for patients. The key to winning the Legislature's approval of these bills is the support of people like you. This is the time for consumers to let their legislators know where they stand.

The measures I'm proposing would:

- Prevent health insurers and Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) from passing unwarranted expenses on to consumers by authorizing state regulators to determine whether administrative expenses are reasonable.
- We need to stop companies from spending lavishly at the expense of policyholders or man-

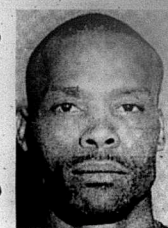
See Health Care/Page 5





Congratulations to Mike Burkett with Lake Hardware for winning The Sun newspaper's 1999 Pigskin Picks. Mike is presented the award by Ad Services Coordinator Yvonne Jones.

## CRIME STOPPERS



Bill Griffin

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Bill Griffin who is wanted for failure to appear on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, resisting arrest, with violence and domestic battery. He is also wanted for failure to appear on charges of loitering or prowling.

Griffin is a black male, 6'0" tall, and weighs 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is June 26, 1966. His last known

address was 524 S.W. 9th Street, Apartment 1, Belle Glade. His Social Security number is 263-81-8559 and his last occupation was as a laborer.

His warrant was active as of March 27, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Bill Griffin, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

### Speak Out/From Pg. 4

#### Caller defends Belle Glade Golf Course

"Hi. I'm calling in regard to the Letter to the Editor from Leon Rolles, the nine-year-old from Pahokee about the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course.

I was a little appalled by the letter. I think that yes, he should be commended for expressing himself and feeling that he could express his feelings about the golf course. However, I do feel that he is being a little derogatory on his part about all the places he has

played and everything he has done, and so forth and that he's as much above the Belle Glade Golf Course."

I do know that my husband plays golf at this course, as does his brother and my brother and several of their friends drive from Boca and Wellington just to play at the Belle Glade Golf Course.

The course is a good course for its size. It has been around at many other golf courses when it costs a whole lot more.

If this little boy is so concerned about it, and has all these sponsors and is probably

making a lot of money from tournaments, maybe he should take this opportunity to give back to his community instead of badmouthing it. Try to make it better and maybe this publicity stunt, as I see it, would be better publicized by doing something positive instead of doing something negative to have his name with it.

I don't mean to make him mad and I don't mean to hurt his feelings, but I do think that he could have handled this differently and I think he could help the golf course.

"Thank you."

## Bob Sheets knows what he's talking about when it comes to hurricanes



Mike Lyons

adult life. He's one of the top hurricane experts in the world.

So when someone wants to ask a question or make a suggestion about tropical weather, chances are they'll address that letter to Bob Sheets.

"I got a ton of letters following Andrew," Sheets told me. Most were complimentary, thanking Bob for his tireless work after that terrible storm hit Dade county and then, a few days later, Louisiana.

Others, on the other hand, were a bit unusual.

"I'm sure they thought they were helping me," Bob said. "Their intentions were good."

In the months following Hurricane Andrew, Bob received scores of letters from folks suggesting ways to save Florida from future hurricanes. What the letters lacked in hard science, they more than made up for in imagination.

"One man suggested that we build a series of large fans along the east coast of Florida," Bob recalled. "Then, when a hurricane was headed for Florida, all we would have to do is turn on the fans and the force of the wind would blow the hurricane out to sea."

Another person thought the military should intervene. "This guy said we should drop

an atomic bomb on the hurricane," Bob said. The "nuke it" scenario is one Sheets has heard on more than one occasion. It was first suggested by the Mayor of Miami Beach in September of 1945.

"Obviously, we can't detonate a nuclear device in a tropical cyclone," said Bob.

Some letters came from people who have a basic understanding of meteorology. Hurricanes, for example, depend on the warm ocean waters for fuel. If the hurricane encounters cooler ocean waters, the storm will weaken.

"One lady came up with a way to cool off the water," Bob said. "She suggested we get the Navy to take a boat to the North Pole, grab a huge iceberg, drag the iceberg down here to Florida and then place it in front of the hurricane. The lady said in her letter that the iceberg would cool the water and the storm would fall apart."

While these suggestions are hardly practical Bob enjoys receiving them. "We can't use the ideas," he said, "but people think they're helping so I appreciate that."

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV)

## Arrest Blotters

**Editor's note:** The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

### BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 613 complaints and gave 42 traffic citations the week of March 20-26.

Those arrested included:  
**March 20 - Ernest Brown**, 20, failure to appear on charges of battery; **Agnes Posey**, 35, burglary to a vehicle and petty theft;  
**Juvenile**, 15, grand theft auto; **Juvenile**, 14, grand theft auto; **Deric Willis**, 26, resisting arrest without violence.

**March 21 - Juvenile**, 17, possession of marijuana over 20 grams.

**March 22 - No arrests made.**

**March 23 - Clarence Frederick**, 34, battery; **March 24 - Kenneth Lewis**, 20, warrants for two counts of criminal mischief and writing worthless checks and for contempt of court.

**March 25 - Frederick Odum**, 37, violation of probation and failure to appear on charges of issuing worthless checks; **Janice Hurst**, 21, retail theft.

**March 26 - Emmanuel Bright**, 58, stalking; **Rodney King**, 20, violation of probation; **Juvenile**, 13, battery.

### SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 9 arrests the week of March 19-25.

Those arrested included:

**March 19 - Juan Mireles**, 38, warrant for failure to appear on charges of resisting arrest without violence.

**March 20 - Barton Burency**, 20, battery.

**March 21 - Juan Castro**, 48, habitual traffic offender and driving without a valid driver's license.

**March 22 - Franklin Brown**, 36, warrant for failure to appear on charges of driving while under the influence.

**March 23 - Frankie Moore**, 29, warrant for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and aggravated battery on a pregnant female.

**March 24 - Juvenile**, 15, domestic battery.

**March 25 - Johnny L. Young**, 29, open container; **Kenneth C. Williams**, 34, resisting arrest without violence; **Isaac McKenzie**, 41, warrant for driving without a valid driver's license and violation of the open container law.

### PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department made 13 arrests the week of March 20-26.

Those arrested included:

**March 20 - No arrests made.**

**March 21 - Euovskki K. Cunningham**, 19, attempted escape, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and aggravated battery; **Juvenile**, 17, aggravated battery; **Corey Carter**, 20, warrant for failure to appear; **Everett Henry Banton Jr.**, 24, retail theft of a shopping cart, three counts of trespassing and criminal mischief; **Derrick Edward Lewis**, 29, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

**March 22 - Anthony Eaddy Jr.**, 28, possession of cocaine with intent to sell and warrant for possession of cocaine.

**March 24 - Silvester Garcia**, 21, soliciting for prostitution; **Rovel Leonidas Villa Vencio**, 48, soliciting for prostitution; **Joseph Holmes**, 41, possession of cocaine with intent to sell, tampering with physical evidence, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia; **Gregory Jay Henson**, 36, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

**March 25 - Juvenile**, 17, criminal altering of a temporary tag.

**March 26 - Esheban Hannah**, 26, warrant for throwing a deadly missile, three counts; **Norberto Viera Torres**, 25, warrant for attempting to purchase cocaine.

### PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 9 arrests the week of March 20-27.

Those arrested included:  
**March 20 - Velissa Mills**, 20, Belle Glade, aggravated battery.

**March 21 - Sterling Kanard Page**, 23, obstructing officer without violence, violation of probation DWLS, habitual traffic offender; **Kenneth A. Murphy**, 33, Riviera Beach, grand theft. Bond set at \$3,000; **Willie J. Jones**, 18, Pahokee, aggravated battery; **Juvenile**, 17, Pahokee, aggravated battery; **Tyrone Brown**, 28, Belle Glade, domestic battery.

**March 23 - Willie Mae Brooklin**, 37, Pahokee, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, domestic; **Richard Donald Jordan**, 21, Belle Glade, failure to appear no driver's license; **Anthony Miles**, 28, Belle Glade, failure to appear burglary.

**March 26 - James Albert Mays**, 38, Pahokee, Okeechobee County warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, warrant aggravated assault. Bond set at \$3,000.

**March 27 - Juvenile**, 16, Pahokee, detention of escapee.

## It's MARCH MADNESS here at

### Steve Moore AutoNation of Belle Glade

**1998 Chevrolet Silverado Extended Cab**  
 "Most Dependable, Longest Lasting Trucks on the Road!"  
 One owner, P. Windows & Locks, 24K Miles, Auto A/C, Super Clean!  
**\$18,999**



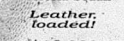
**1999 Ford Ranger XLT SuperCab**  
 Flare Side V6, Uto, A/C, P. Windows & Locks, One Owner.  
**\$14,999**



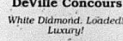
**1997 Chrysler Town & Country LXI**  
 7 Passenger Leather, Loaded Too Nice to Describe! A Steel Al...  
**\$17,399**



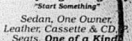
**1997 Ford Crown Victoria Sedan**  
 Leather loaded!  
**\$13,399**



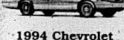
**1994 Cadillac DeVille Concours**  
 White Diamond, Loaded! Luxury!  
**\$11,999**



**1995 Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight Regency**  
 "Start Something!"  
 Sedan, One Owner, Leather, Cassette & CD, 5 Seats, One of a Kind!  
**\$12,599**



**1994 Chevrolet Impala SS**  
 "We'd Be There!"  
 Black Beauty, One Owner.  
**\$18,599**



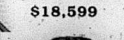
**1996 Buick Century Custom Sedan**  
 "Isn't it time for a real car?"  
 27000 Miles, One Owner, Carriage Roof, P. Seat, Loaded with Much, Much "Moore!"  
**\$9,599**



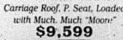
**1996 Chrysler Town & Country LXI**  
 "Driving Experience!"  
 One Owner, 40K miles, Loaded, Leather.  
**\$15,999**



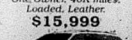
**1998 Ford Escort LX Sedan**  
 "Auto A/C, Power Steering, Power Brakes"  
**\$7,599**



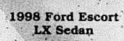
**1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse RS**  
 One Owner, Auto, A/C, Aluminum Wheels, Spoiler.  
**\$9,499**



**1998 Ford Windstar GL**  
 One Owner, 38K Miles, Dual A/C, P. Windows & Locks, 7th, Cruise.  
**\$14,999**



**1998 Ford Escort LX Sedan**  
 "Auto A/C, Power Steering, Power Brakes"  
**\$7,599**



**1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse RS**  
 One Owner, Auto, A/C, Aluminum Wheels, Spoiler.  
**\$9,499**



**1998 Ford Windstar GL**  
 One Owner, 38K Miles, Dual A/C, P. Windows & Locks, 7th, Cruise.  
**\$14,999**



**1998 Ford Escort LX Sedan**  
 "Auto A/C, Power Steering, Power Brakes"  
**\$7,599**



**1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse RS**  
 One Owner, Auto, A/C, Aluminum Wheels, Spoiler.  
**\$9,499**



**1998 Ford Windstar GL**  
 One Owner, 38K Miles, Dual A/C, P. Windows & Locks, 7th, Cruise.  
**\$14,999**



**1998 Ford Escort LX Sedan**  
 "Auto A/C, Power Steering, Power Brakes"  
**\$7,599**



**1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse RS**  
 One Owner, Auto, A/C, Aluminum Wheels, Spoiler.  
**\$9,499**



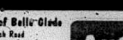
**1998 Ford Windstar GL**  
 One Owner, 38K Miles, Dual A/C, P. Windows & Locks, 7th, Cruise.  
**\$14,999**



**1998 Ford Escort LX Sedan**  
 "Auto A/C, Power Steering, Power Brakes"  
**\$7,599**



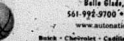
**1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse RS**  
 One Owner, Auto, A/C, Aluminum Wheels, Spoiler.  
**\$9,499**



**1998 Ford Windstar GL**  
 One Owner, 38K Miles, Dual A/C, P. Windows & Locks, 7th, Cruise.  
**\$14,999**



**1998 Ford Escort LX Sedan**  
 "Auto A/C, Power Steering, Power Brakes"  
**\$7,599**



**1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse RS**  
 One Owner, Auto, A/C, Aluminum Wheels, Spoiler.  
**\$9,499**



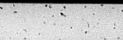
**1998 Ford Windstar GL**  
 One Owner, 38K Miles, Dual A/C, P. Windows & Locks, 7th, Cruise.  
**\$14,999**



**1998 Ford Escort LX Sedan**  
 "Auto A/C, Power Steering, Power Brakes"  
**\$7,599**



**1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse RS**  
 One Owner, Auto, A/C, Aluminum Wheels, Spoiler.  
**\$9,499**



**1998 Ford Windstar GL**  
 One Owner, 38K Miles, Dual A/C, P. Windows & Locks, 7th, Cruise.  
**\$14,999**



**1998 Ford Escort LX Sedan**  
 "Auto A/C, Power Steering, Power Brakes"  
**\$7,599**



**1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse RS**  
 One Owner, Auto, A/C, Aluminum Wheels, Spoiler.  
**\$9,499**



**1998 Ford Windstar GL**  
 One Owner, 38K Miles, Dual A/C, P. Windows & Locks, 7th, Cruise.  
**\$14,999**



**1998 Ford Escort LX Sedan**  
 "Auto A/C, Power Steering, Power Brakes"  
**\$7,599**



**1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse RS**  
 One Owner, Auto, A/C, Aluminum Wheels, Spoiler.  
**\$9,499**



**1998 Ford Windstar GL**  
 One Owner, 38K Miles, Dual A/C, P. Windows & Locks, 7th, Cruise.  
**\$14,999**



# Belle Glade detective nominated for 'Officer of the Year' honors

By Tracy Whirls

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Detective Mike Fincannon has been nominated for the Palm Beach County Victim Services "Officer of the Year Award."

Detective Fincannon and the three other Palm Beach County nominees will be honored at a Victims Rights Week Award Ceremony on Thursday, April 13 at the South County Courthouse, Courtroom VI, 200 W. Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach at 2 p.m. at which time the Officer of the Year will be announced.

A longtime resident of Belle Glade who moved to the area when he was five years old, Detective Fincannon is the son of the late Robert Fincannon and Jeannette Dexter. A 1977 graduate of Glades Central High School, Detective Fincannon has been with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, stationed in the west district for 19 1/2 years.

"Out here you get to do everything the department's not as specialized as it is on the coast. You're exposed to a lot of different cases—anything from petit theft to homicide. It makes for a more well-rounded individual," said Detective Fincannon, who started his career in corrections, then moved to road patrol, to the detective branch, narcotics and back to the detective branch.

The detective was honored by the Palm Beach Post as their 1998 "Distinguished Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" for his work in identifying a suspect through DNA and solving an unsolved homicide.

"It was a 'Who-dunnit' kind of case we were able to work through and wind up with a case against a suspect that we could take to court," the detective explained.

While solving "cold cases" is rewarding, the veteran detective said he finds being able to help victims of crime equally rewarding.

"You might have a case where someone's house is burglarized and you're able to put someone in jail or recover something. A TV may not mean much to one person, but to another person



Detective Mike Fincannon

that might be their prized possession," Detective Fincannon said.

"People who have lost family members or are otherwise victims of crime—they seem to get lost in the system, where the emphasis is on the suspect's rights," the detective noted. "Since it's such a small community, I run into people I've helped before or the same person may be the victim of several crimes because of where they live."

"I try to treat everyone the same, regardless of whether they're a big farmer or a street person," Detective Fincannon said.

Besides enjoying helping his neighbors, working in the district where he has spent most of his life gives him a distinct advantage when investigating crimes, the detective said.

"I went to school here. I know a lot of people. Often I know right where to go when something happens to get a lead."

Detective Fincannon said as the area grows and the population becomes more diverse as well as more mobile, some cases are getting harder to solve.

"Burglary and theft are our largest problem and of course that's related to the drug problem—people use the stolen items to buy or trade for drugs. It goes from people taking things off farms, to breaking into houses, to snatching and

grabbing items out of cars. It's quick and easy—most of the time they're getting a phone or something that's in plain view and they can run it right down the street and trade it for drugs."

"We used to see a lot of recovering stuff—we don't see as much of that. A lot of the stuff gets boxed up and sent home out of the country," the detective said.

The diversity of the population also makes it difficult to solve some cases, like the recent homicide of two Hispanic men in Pahokee.

"They're not from here, they're not from this county, they didn't speak a lot of English, people look at them as outsiders and yet they died here. That kind of case is hard to solve," the veteran detective said. Too often, potential witnesses are reluctant to come forward, fearing retaliation, he added.

"They'll tell me, 'I have to live here. And I tell them, 'I have to live here too,' and I can't make it a better community without their help. Everyone has to be their brother's keeper."

Once on the department's short list to become a sergeant—which would have required a transfer to the coast—Detective Fincannon said he is happy here doing the job he loves. "They say once you get the muck in your toes, you can't get it out."



South Bay Commissioners and city staff presented Mayor Clarence Anthony with a plaque commemorating his service as president of the National League of Cities during the city's Open House celebration last Wednesday. Pictured, from left to right, Commissioner Esther Berry, Mayor Anthony, Commissioner Milranda Smith, City Manager Michael Jackson, with vice Mayor Willie Lawrence, in the background.

## Crime is down, sheriff tells Lions Club

Palm Beach County Sheriff Robert Neumann was the guest speaker at the March 22 meeting of the Belle Glade Lions Club.

Sheriff Neumann, who is running for reelection in November, outlined the many improvements that have been made since he took office over three years ago.

"The good news is that the Florida Department of Law Enforcement on Crime says that in 1999 crime was down 10.8 percent," said Sheriff Neumann. In Palm Beach County, the statistics were even better, down 16.5 percent. "It's amazing, in my view," he said. "Every single category was down, some as much as 20.7 percent," he added.

Robbery was down 13.9 percent and burglaries were down 22 percent. Vehicle theft was down in 1999 by 19.4 percent and domestic violence was down 11.8 percent.

A commitment by Gov. Bob Martinez is credited by Sheriff Neumann as the reason crime is down. "He made a commitment to more jails and criminals are now serving at least 85 percent of their time," said Sheriff Neumann.

When he came on board in 1996, Sheriff Neumann told Lions Club members one of the first things he noticed was that inmates had it better than many taxpaying citizens.

He noted they had free dental care, televisions, air conditioning, and three hot meals a day.



Palm Beach County Sheriff Robert Neumann was the guest speaker at the March 22 Lions Club meeting. Shown, from left are Sheriff Neumann, First Vice President Elizabeth Cayson and Lion Donald Garrett, who invited the sheriff to the meeting.

He said he studied the cost of all these amenities and decided to cut some of it out, saving the taxpayers in Palm Beach County millions of dollars.

That saved revenue was used to hire over 75 new officers.

"The money also goes towards more jail beds and keeping them there longer," he noted.

"The majority have demonstrated they are incapable of following society's rules," said Sheriff Neumann.

"The vast majority will never be corrected and we should concentrate our efforts on our 15 percent, who can still be directed," he said.

He told the Lions about the Eagle Academy, a boot camp style program in Belle Glade that takes troubled young men. The boys must voluntarily go into the program and must not have a criminal record.

These are young men who have been in trouble in school,

in the community and at home who know they are headed for trouble and are willing to straighten up.

Sheriff Neumann says the young men are told in the beginning it will be the toughest thing they have ever done, but they won't regret it if they stick it out.

Of last year's 60 recruits, 51 graduated and 15 of those asked to stay on longer.

"These kids, want to be accepted. They want discipline. They can walk away anytime they want," he said.

Sheriff Neumann says he has had some of the youth tell him after going through the Eagle Academy, "This is the first time I've ever felt good about myself."

Sheriff Neumann invited Lions Club members to tour the Eagle Academy at any time and said no appointment was required.

## Corps to treat melaleuca on Lake Okeechobee

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will conduct an aerial treatment to control invasive exotic melaleuca trees on Lake Okeechobee.

Weather permitting, the treatment will take place during the two-week period between March 27-31 and April 3-7.

The area to be treated includes the levee from Fisheating Creek to Indian

Prairie Canal. Approximately 160 acres of melaleuca monoculture will be treated using EPA approved herbicides Arsenal and Rodeo.

The aerial treatment is necessary in order to control growth of invasive exotic melaleuca trees. Melaleuca trees out-compete native species and provide monocultures which reduce biodiversity. Controlling growth of

melaleuca and other exotic vegetation will help promote growth of native vegetation which provides better habitat and food sources for wildlife.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Karen A. Estock, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Operations Office, 525 Ridgeland Road, Clewiston, Fla. 33440 or call (863) 983-8101 extension 223.



Students from Mr. Warner's Science class at Lake Shore Middle School attended a tree removal at S.E. 4th Street North in Belle Glade on Thursday, March 24. The students watched as a melaleuca tree was cut. The City of Belle Glade Public Service Department is removing 12 of the non-indigenous, nuisance trees in town, with a \$10,000 grant. The city is doing \$5,000 of in-kind service by handling the tree removal and disposal. During the student's field outing, they went to city hall and listened to several speakers, including Dr. Joseph Orsenigo, who talked about the melaleuca trees and about how many people have allergies from the trees. Thaddeus Hamilton, director of USDA of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, talked about saving the environment and showed a short video. Kevin McNamara, Solid Waste manager for the City, and Maggie Sallet, customer service representative, spoke about recycling. Facilities Manager Mickey McGahee and his crew handled the tree removal.

## Take Pride in Lake Okeechobee is Saturday

The Take Pride in Lake Okeechobee Committee would like to remind one and all that the 14th Annual Take Pride in Lake Okeechobee event will be

held at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South Florida Operations Office in Clewiston this Saturday, April 1 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Community organizations, school groups and individuals are invited to enjoy a day filled with exciting environmental activities for both the young and the young at heart. This year, scouting and community groups are invited to camp out on the Herbert Hoover dike near the South Florida Operations Office on the night of Friday, March 31.

Environmental booths will be

set up for volunteers to learn more about Lake Okeechobee and the surrounding area.

An awards ceremony for participants will be held at 1 p.m. Registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. for Clewiston activities.

Morning activities will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and a free lunch will be provided from 11:30-12:30 p.m. in Clewiston. Pre-registration is recommended and appreciated. For more information or to pre-register call Park Ranger Justin D. McBride at (863) 983-8101 ext. 244.

**12oz Ribeye Dinner** served with Salad, Fresh Baked Bread & Choice of Potato: **\$10.99** with coupon  
Good Expires April 30, 2000 One Per Person  
**Black Gold Steakhouse, 1100 N. Main St., Belle Glade (561) 996-5444**

### Glades Pressure Cleaning Residential • Commercial • Industrial

Brick Pavers • Plus Sealing • Sids Walks • Mobile Homes  
 The Roof • Driveways • Homes • Fences  
 Heavy Equipment Degreasing & Finishing

NO JOB TOO SMALL OR BIG  
 Day Mobile 561-901-9769  
 Evenings Home 561-992-5493

LICENSED AND INSURED  
 Peter Calabrese  
 Owner





On the hundredth day of school, three students demonstrated the true meaning of collaboration when they engaged in a "hands-on activity" after ready the book "A contar cheerios" (Let's Count Cheerios) by Barbara B. McGrath. After counting the Cheerios in Spanish, the group enjoyed the cereal.

## Cat Talk

from Gove Elementary



### Volunteers of the Month

Congratulations to the following volunteers for being selected as "Top Volunteers" for the month of February: Beatrice Alonso (40 hrs.), Gloria Alonso (34 1/2 hrs.), Maria Conicorro (43 1/2 hrs.), Robert Wheelahan (22 1/2 hrs.), Karen McCarthy (13 1/2 hrs.), Luisa Mendoza (26 3/4 hrs.), Myranda Miller (28 1/2 hrs.), Maria Quintano (26 hrs.), Yris Soto (13 hrs.). Again, THANKS for all that you do for Gove Elementary.

### Virtual School Fair

Please make a note that SchoolCash.com has extended their Virtual School Fair through April 20. You can continue to take advantage of this great promotion on all books purchased at Amazon.com when you start at SchoolCash.com. Remember to include Gove's identification number (00198413) so our school can earn cash rebate for your purchases.

### Uniform Recycling Project

This is to remind you that we are still collecting uniforms for our Recycling Project. If you would like to donate the uniforms your child has outgrown, please bring them to the Family Center. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### Three Cheers!

Students in Ms. Garcia's and Mrs. Edgecomb's class shared a wonderful learning experience...collaboration. On the hundredth day of school, three students demonstrated the true meaning of collaboration when they engaged in a "hands-on activity" after ready the book "A contar cheerios" (Let's Count Cheerios) by Barbara B. McGrath. The three friends got together to ease the task of counting to one hundred in Spanish. The first student counted by tens, the second started counting by fives would be quicker and the third said if they would count by tens, they could really speed up the process. Three different ways, three different solutions, the same conclusion! The teachers were excited about the way these three students solved their problem. It showed a true team approach. Three Cheers for the 100th Day Count and for the students in Ms. Garcia's and Mrs. Edgecomb's class.

### Upcoming events

- 3/30-3/31-Field Days
- 4/3-FCAT for Primary Parents, 6 p.m.
- English/Spanish classes, 5 p.m.
- 4/4-Parent, Child and Literacy, 6 p.m.
- 4/5-English/Spanish classes, 5 p.m.
- 4/6-P.T., 6:30 p.m.

## Lake Shore Middle hosts Open House tonight

Attention Lake Shore Middle School Parents! Don't miss Open House tonight at 6 p.m. Report Cards will be distributed. Also, come view our Showcase of Excellence.

## Retirement dinners planned for Lockmiller and DuPont

Members of the community are invited to retirement dinners for Charles Lockmiller and Wallace DuPont, Assistant Principals of West Technical Education Center. The retirement celebration for Charles Lockmiller will be held at the Binks Forest Golf Club.

Wellington, on May 19 from 6-9 p.m. The celebration for Wallace DuPont will also be held at the Binks Forest Golf Club, Wellington, on May 5 from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person, per event, and will include a buffet meal and gift.

Please make checks payable to "Retirement Fund" and send to Shirley Speakes, 2625 State Road 715, Belle Glade 33430. If you have any questions you may call (561) 996-4920 extension 44718.

## David Veale retires from West Tech

Members of the community are invited to the retirement dinner for David Veale, automotive body repair instructor at West Technical Education Center.

Mr. Veale is retiring after 30 years of dedicated service to the students of Palm Beach County. He began his career at Glades Central High School in September 1970 and transferred to West Technical Education Center in 1980 when it opened its doors to the training of vocational skills. Mr.

Veale will be missed by the faculty and staff of West Tech, his current and former students and members of the business community. His retirement celebration will be held at the Drawbridge Restaurant, Belle Glade, on April 29 from 6-8 p.m. The price per person is \$20 and will include a buffet meal and gift.

Please make checks payable to "Retirement Fund" and send to Shirley Speakes, 2625 State Road 715, Belle Glade 33430. If you have any questions you may call (561) 996-4920 extension 44718.

## Sabbath is gift from God

SABBATH From 8 where we show love for family and friends. And as family and friends we go to church freely to join with others to thank and worship our Lord and Creator.

I believe Abraham Joshua Heschel had it right. He wrote, "The Sabbath is the most precious present mankind has received from the treasure house of God. The Sabbath is not for the purpose of recovering one's strength and becoming fit for the forthcoming labor. The Sabbath is a day for the sake of life."



The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District Five Community Police Unit hosted its second "Do the Right Thing" awards ceremony Monday at Belle Glade Elementary, honoring students from area elementary schools for their good actions and deeds. (Photo by Tracy Whirls)

## 'Doing the Right Thing' rewarded by PBCSO

### By Tracy Whirls

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District Five Community Police Unit hosted its second "Do the Right Thing" awards ceremony Monday at Belle Glade Elementary, honoring students from area elementary schools for their good actions and deeds.

Among the students honored for their good deeds:

•Denarius Jones was named the first place winner for Canal Point Elementary School after he walked away from a fight with other students.

•Cedrick Drummer, the first place winner for Rosenwald Elementary was nominated by his teacher after he found a dollar in the classroom and turned it in to the teacher, who was able to return it to the child who lost it.

•Jeannara Jeune, the first place winner from Pioneer Park Elementary was recognized for her willingness to help her fellow students.

•Evans Desir, the first place winner from Belle Glade Elementary was nominated after he found a ring that a student had lost in the week before and turned it in to his teacher.

The idea for the local "Do the Right Thing" chapter, the only one of its kind in Palm Beach County, was derived from a Miami program that began in 1990. Community volunteers there, attending a police department award ceremony in which a teenager was recognized for turning in a loaded gun found at his school, recognized the positive impact of the program and joined forces with law enforcement to develop an on-going recognition program for students.

The goals of the "Do the Right Thing" program are:

•To reinforce socially desirable behavior among youth.

•To demonstrate that "good kids" are newsworthy.

•To foster positive relations between law enforcement and area businesses.

•To enhance the relationship between youth and law enforcement.

Each month teachers from Canal Point Elementary, Rosenwald Elementary, Pioneer Park Elementary and Belle Glade Elementary Schools nominate students who exhibit exemplary behavior. Other students recognized Monday included: Canal Point Elementary: Second place,

Miguel Paniagua, Third place, Cornelia Felton, and nominees: Lamart Cooper, Miguel Rodriguez, Kayla DeHart, Demetria Ross, Maria Soto, Rhandi Richardson, Tahanie Kahok, Oralia Hernandez, Julie Rose, Latom Mitchell, Shaoyia Polk, Brittany Honeycutt, Robert Watts and Romina Toribio; Rosenwald Elementary: Second place, Laporious Allen, third place, Livarius Ware, and nominees: Melinda Soriano, Ryan Soriano, Agapito Lopez, Olivia Wilkins and Cassey Johnson; Pioneer Park Elementary: Second place Nalley Chavarria and third place Takeidia Nelson; Belle Glade Elementary: Second place Johnny Goss, third place Jasmine King and nominees Derrick Patterns, Robert Brockman, Nayelle Aboytes, Mercedes Bryant and Crystal Ronce.

Locally, the "Do the Right Thing" program is sponsored by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, and the Palm Beach County School Dis-

trict in cooperation with area business including Glades General Hospital (Pink Ladies), Bear's Electronics Incorporated, The City of Pahokee, Barbara Trembles, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Pahokee, Norman Brother's Inc., The National Canine Assoc., The Larry Royal Family Business, Atlantic Sugar Association, The Rotary Club of Pahokee, The First Community Bank of Palm Beach County, The Rotary Club of Belle Glade, Okelanta Corporation, Milton Carpenter Insurance Company, David Wade, Betty M. Thomas, Dorthy S. Vaughn, Ace Hardware, Boynton Bank, Bank of Belle Glade, Everglades Unit #20 American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, Squadron #20, American Legion Everglades Post 20 and King Ranch.

March nominees for the "Do the Right Thing" awards program will be recognized Monday, April 24 at 9-30 a.m. at Rosenwald Elementary School in South Bay.

## Thanks

The Jackson Family gratefully acknowledges and appreciates all acts of love shown during the departure of our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Ella Mae Jackson (Ma Mah) We appreciate the flower arrangements, food, cards and all unselfish acts of kindness shown to us in our time of grief. Our consolation is that she was loved by all whose loves she touched. For this we are thankful. May the Lord bless you.

## The Jackson Family

## MESOTHELIOMA

FREE BOOK reveals important information about Mesothelioma and asbestos exposure. NO FEE or costs unless you win.

For your free book Call 1-800-456-7777 toll-free 24 hrs/day

SHAFER & SHAFER, LAWYERS FREE consultation. The finding of a lawyer is an important decision that should not be based solely upon advertisement. Before you decide, ask us for a free trial without obligation, without cost.

1720 Harrison St. • Hollywood, FL 33020 office in N.E. FL

ARROW TIP NO. 9

Get Internet service for just \$17.95 a month.

Now you have a better choice when it comes to Internet service. With ArrowNet, you get the fastest unlimited 56K Internet service with two e-mail addresses for only \$17.95 per month. Concerned about protecting your family from harmful web sites? We also offer web filtering for only \$7.00 per month.

Let us host your site for only \$24.95. Our crew of seasoned professionals can create a web site and e-commerce solution, including 2D and 3D animation, to give you the professional image you need to be successful.

Stop by our new office at 215 SW Park Street during the Festival and Rodeo this weekend to sign-up for service. Or sign-up on-line at [www.ArrowISP.com](http://www.ArrowISP.com).

This introductory offer of \$24.95 per month for unlimited Internet access is only available for a limited time.

1-877-57-ARROW (1-877-572-1769)

ARROW COMMUNICATIONS pointing the way

## GENERAL GMC TRUCK SALES

Trucks Are Our Only Business Since 1960

New Diesel Powered "W" Series with a 14' Flatbed



\$45243

\*\$1221.58 due at signing  
\*Includes first payment, security deposit & initial license

\*Based on 48 month lease, we supply only the vehicle, you pay all taxes, license, maintenance and insurance. Lease restricted to applicants with qualifying credit. Rate based on 140,000 miles (35,000 a year), \$0.15 a mile charge thereafter—offer expires 6/30/2000.

New Diesel Powered "W" Series with a 14' Landscape Body



\$51214

\*\$1334.89 due at signing  
\*Includes first payment, security deposit & initial license

\*Based on 48 month lease, we supply only the vehicle, you pay all taxes, license, maintenance and insurance. Lease restricted to applicants with qualifying credit. Rate based on 140,000 miles (35,000 a year), \$0.15 a mile charge thereafter—offer expires 6/30/2000.

New Diesel Powered "W" Series with a 14' Van Body



\$46117

\*\$1230.84 due at signing  
\*Includes first payment, security deposit & initial license

\*Based on 48 month lease, we supply only the vehicle, you pay all taxes, license, maintenance and insurance. Lease restricted to applicants with qualifying credit. Rate based on 140,000 miles (35,000 a year), \$0.15 a mile charge thereafter—offer expires 6/30/2000.

## General GMC Truck Sales

360 S. Military Trail • West Palm Beach • Call 661-686-8906

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9am-6pm • Sat 9am-2pm



Members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Glades Day School gather each morning to pray.

## C.L. Brumbach, MD to receive lifetime achievement award

Dr. C.L. Brumbach, who has dedicated over 50 years of service to the people of Palm Beach County through its health department, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Association of Public Health Physicians at its annual conference March 23 in Atlanta.

Dr. Brumbach is Palm Beach County's first Public Health doctor and is credited with shaping the direction of health care in the area. Through the years Dr. Brumbach has championed innovative preventive practices like being one of the first to enlist nutritionists and social workers to create a total wellness program for migrant workers. In addition, it is his practice within Palm Beach County that has served as a model for

Health Departments throughout the state of Florida.

It has always been Dr. Brumbach's motto that he works not for the government but for the people. To that end he has served in touching the lives of literally thousands as he has improved the care and lifestyle of every resident and visitor to Palm Beach County. Through Dr. Brumbach's watch the Environmental, Health and Engineering Department has grown to include every aspect of air, water and land pollution monitoring as well as been charged with investigating and finding solutions to food borne problems, day care facilities and assisting with environmental emergencies. Health clinics have been established throughout the county and the one

in Belle Glade bears his name, a tribute to his many hours of service to the migrant community in that area.

From its modest beginnings in Dr. Brumbach's Rambler Nash Station Wagon and an office trailer located in the muck of the farming community the Palm Beach County Health Department has grown to encompass 800 employees and a budget of \$44 million.

At 85 Dr. Brumbach remains active in Public Health as he coordinates the Residency Program which, when he started it, was the first of its kind in a Public Health Department.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Dr. Brumbach via audio conference.



## Methodist Women attend retreat

"For such a time as this" (Esther 4:14) was the theme of the sixteenth annual Leesburg Women's Retreat, Feb. 25-27 at the Florida Conference United Methodist Life Enrichment Center. Belle Glade women attending were, front row, left to right, Jane Thompson, Mary Frances Burke, Becky Watson, Catherine Williams, Joyce Skelley, Nancy Carpenter, Frances Borman, Lucille Barger, Debbie Welch; back row, Patty Hood, Liska Hooker, D. Luce, Ulaina Whitlock, Violet Felsing, Carolyn Priest, Myra McCroan, Jean Day, Sandra Dulany, Jennifer Berman, Mickey Harris, Margo Bahe, and Mary Campbell. Absent when the photo was taken were Betty Thiebaud, Mary Weeks, Angie Marotta, Rachel Hollingsworth and Joanne Connell.

## The Sabbath: "Do I Gotta?"

"Why do I gotta go to church?" is part of the weekend ritual in many households where teenagers test the patience and skill of many a dutiful parent. "It's so-o-o boring!" "John's mom doesn't make him go!" "I find God more in nature, so howabout I just sit in the backyard while you're gone?"

Some arguments are more informed. One dad told me that his 13-year-old recently shot back, "Remember what Jesus said! The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

"What did you do?" I asked. "Well, I was so impressed that he even knew something from Scripture, I let it go."

But what is a parent to do? One of the most frequent concerns I hear from moms and dads everywhere is what to do about getting their kids to church. Some have found it helpful to take a closer look at the matter.

The word Sabbath comes from the Hebrew shabbat, the "cessation of labor." The first thing in the world that God made holy was not a mountain, not an altar, not a person, but a day—the Sabbath. "God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it" (Genesis 2:3).

In time, the Sabbath was defined by elaborate rules and regulations. All work was forbidden. So when Jesus and his disciples were going through a field of grain and plucked the ears of grain to eat, they were technically breaking the rules. Reaping a meal from the harvest was a form of labor, and they were lawbreakers. When confronted, Jesus argued that human need takes precedence over human and even divine law. He insisted that we are not to be enslaved by the Sabbath. Quite the opposite, the Sabbath exists to make our lives better.

And here Jesus teaches us at least three essential truths vital for our life of faith. First, religion does not consist of rules and regulations. There is a great deal more to religion than Sunday observance. As Garrison Keillor aptly put it: "If you think going to church makes you a Christian, you probably think sitting in a garage will make you a car." Whenever we forget the love and forgiveness, the service

and mercy that are at the heart of religion, and replace them by adherence to rules and regulations, religion loses meaning.

Second, if the performance of your religious faith stops you from helping someone in need, then you misunderstand the essence of religion. People matter far more than systems. Persons are far more important than rituals. Jesus could not have been more clear on this point: the best way to worship God is to serve others.

Third, the Sabbath is never more

sacred than when it is used to help those who need help. The altar is sacred not only because it is dedicated to God's worship, but also because it is used for the spiritual well-being of His children. Bread is never more holy than when it is used to feed one who is starving.

Then "Do I gotta go?" My answer: the Sabbath means more than not working. It is a day devoted to God and our spiritual lives. Its observance begins in the home,

Please see SABBATH 7

## Obituaries

Jessie Lee "Granny" Mills, 100, of Pahokee died early Friday, March 24, 2000 in the Glades Health Care Center, Pahokee.

A native of Crenshaw County, Ala., she was born on Jan. 22, 1900, daughter of the late John Washington Davis and Ida Ruth Davis. She had made her home in Pahokee since moving here from Brantley, Ala., in Dec. 1945. She was a member of the Lakeside Baptist Church. She was an avid quilter and a member of the Happy Friends Quilting Club. She was married to John Emmett Mills, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded by five of her children, Willie Merle Mills, Lillie Graydon, Raymond Mills, Ben Mills and Jackie Mills.

Surviving are five sons, Jimmy Mills and his wife Sarah of Belle Glade, Davis Mills and his wife Norma of Stuart, Bobby Mills of Pahokee, George Mills and his wife Sylvia of Stuart and Roland Mills and his wife Barbara of Pahokee; three daughters, Grace Usher and her husband Joe of Loxahatchee, Lynda McKinstry of Pahokee and Gayle Prignano and her husband Joseph of Pahokee; 51 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren and 16 great great-grandchildren also survive.

The funeral service was conducted Monday, March 27 in the Good Shepherd Church of God, Pahokee. Rev. James H. Brewer, pastor, officiated. Interment followed in Port Mayaca Cemetery. Grandsons and Great-Grandsons served as active and honorary pallbearers.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, had charge of arrangements.

Doris G. Thompson, 73, of Pahokee died Saturday, March 25, 2000 at Palms West Hospital. Mrs. Thompson was born in Anadisa in 1926 and had lived in Pahokee for many years. Her husband, Roy Thompson, preceded her in death in 1974. Mrs. Thompson and her husband owned and operated an auto repair shop for many years in Pahokee.

Survivors include four sons, Joey Thompson of Pahokee, Mike Thompson of Moore Haven, Terry Thompson of Clewiston and Lee Thompson of Ft. Bragg, N.C.; two daughters, Diana Bain of Pahokee and Lisa Levins of Pahokee; a brother, Bucky Sanders of Pahokee; four sisters, Judy Boggs of Pahokee, Inez Foster of San Diego, Maryland Land of Jacksonville, and Mary Ruth Gordon of Ocala; 19 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 28 at the Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahokee. Interment followed at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Arrangements by Glades Funeral Chapel, Belle Glade.

## Hamilton-Adams inducted into Delta Sigma Theta

The Delta Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated on Bethune Cookman College Campus in Daytona Beach inducted 57 members into the sorority. Shikira Hamilton-Adams was among the new inductees.

Ms. Hamilton-Adams is presently a junior at Bethune Cookman College. Before pursuing a degree

at the campus in Daytona Beach, Ms. Hamilton-Adams began her matriculation at Bethune Cookman College in Belle Glade. While at the satellite Ms. Hamilton-Adams was inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society.

Upon enrolling on campus, Ms. Hamilton-Adams was inducted

into Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society. She's also affiliated with the Epicurean Modeling Club and was accepted into the Pace/mold Scholarship program.

Recently Ms. Hamilton-Adams received the Academic Merit award in the Presidents, Dean and Honor Roll Assembly for academic excellence.

# Local Houses of Worship

**ST. JOHN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
600 SW 8th Street  
Rev. J.B. Adams

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
4400 N. US Highway 1  
Father Kelly Hicks

**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
1215 E. Canal St. North  
Rev. Richard Arnold

**ST. PHILLIP BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
215 N. Main Street  
Rev. James J. Bennett

**ROTHSCHILD CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
100 N. Main Street  
Rev. James J. Bennett

**SPANISH MISSION OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1215 E. Canal St. North  
Rev. Richard Arnold

**THE GLORIOUS COMMUNITY HOLINESS CHURCH OF JESUS OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH, INC.**  
424 SW 6th Street  
Rev. C.B. Adams

**WORSHIP CENTER-PENTECOSTAL**  
1424 N. Canal Street South  
Rev. Antonio Brown

**COMPASSION CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH**  
217 South Lake Avenue  
Pastor Bob Bell

**DAKOTA**

**APOLYTIC CHURCH OF PAHOKEE**  
414 North Street  
Pastor Martin Vincent

**BIBLE CHURCH OF GOD**  
215 N. Main Street  
Rev. George Jackson

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
215 N. Main Street  
Rev. George Jackson

**CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**  
200 E. Main Street  
Pastor Harold C. Brown

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY EPISCOPAL**  
215 N. Main Street  
Rev. George Jackson

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
215 N. Main Street  
Rev. George Jackson

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
215 N. Main Street  
Rev. George Jackson

**GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH OF GOD**  
215 N. Main Street  
Rev. George Jackson

**HARVEST CHURCH**  
215 N. Main Street  
Rev. George Jackson

**LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
215 N. Main Street  
Rev. George Jackson

**NEW BEGINNINGS HOLINESS CHURCH**  
215 N. Main Street  
Rev. George Jackson

**NEW HOPE MINISTRIES BAPTIST CHURCH**  
215 N. Main Street  
Rev. George Jackson

**PENTECOSTAL MIRACLE REVIVAL CENTER**  
217 South Lake Avenue  
Pastor E.B. Brown

**PRIMER IGLESIA DEL NAZARENO**  
400 South Main Street  
Pastor Miguel Brown

**SHILOH MINISTRIES BAPTIST CHURCH**  
414 North Street  
Pastor Martin Vincent

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
215 N. Main Street  
Rev. George Jackson

**RAIDERSVILLE**

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
215 N. Main Street  
Rev. George Jackson

**CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS**  
1301 South Main Street, US 27  
Rev. Walter Cook

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
1500W. W. Avenue  
Rev. Edgar C. Miller

**MIRACLE FAITH REVIVAL CENTER**  
217 South Main Street  
Pastor Martin Vincent

**MT. CALVARY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
215 N. Main Street  
Rev. George Jackson

**NEW BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH**  
1600 12th Street  
Rev. D.L. Ford

**FIRST HOLINESS CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD**  
1500 W. 13th Avenue  
Rev. Edgar C. Miller

**THE INSPIRATIONAL CHURCH OF GOD**  
1301 South Main Street, US 27  
Rev. Walter Cook

**APOLYTIC CHURCH OF PAHOKEE**  
414 North Street  
Pastor Martin Vincent

**JAMES A. BENNETT**  
Funeral Home  
(561) 924-5604  
Locally Owned & Operated

**GLADES FUNERAL CHAPEL**  
(561) 998-6122  
Locally owned & Operated





# Sports this week



The Glades Day Lady Gators JV softball team includes front row, from left to right, Alliana Payret, Shelby Markham, Autumn Doney, Anne Lee; back row Coach Linda Lee, Erin McMahon, Halley Meeks, Erin Francis, Ginie Anderson, Haley Valentine and Crystal Doney. Absent when the photo was taken were Natalie Roland and Coach Karen Hansford. (Photo by Tracy Whirls)

## Glades Central alum signs with Dolphins

According to published reports, Glades Central alumnus Willie Jones has signed a two-year deal

with the Miami Dolphins. Jones, a Belle Glade native, joined the St. Louis Rams last season.

son at left tackle as an undrafted rookie out of Grambling. He ended the season on the injury list.

## Glades Day boys and girls keep winning

The Glades Day Gators varsity baseball team's record stands at 9-6 after the team fell to Benjamin last Thursday 4-3.

On Wednesday, Cory Wilcox and Kyle McNamara both hit home runs to lead the Gators past, North Broward Prep 13-1. Sophomore

George Moreno pitched a complete game three hitter for his third win of the season.

In girls softball action, the Glades Day Lady Gators' record went to 5-4 as the Lady Gators defeated North Broward Prep 15-4. Carmen Paetz hit her fifth home

run of the season and added four RBI and Amanda Browder went 2 for 2 with a homer and three RBI in the game last Tuesday.

In Thursday's game against Oksechoke, Paetz went 3-3 pitching and scored two stolen bases.



The Glades Day Gators JV baseball team includes front row, from left to right, Brandon McMillan, Ronnie Brown, Justin Garrett, Blake Herring, Ryan Woodard, Kyle Lamp, Gary Brooks; second row, from left, Brock Marcum, Jeremy Hawkin, Rolando Hernandez, Nicky Sanchez, Justin Miller, Coach James Herring; back row, Coach Tim Williamson, Brad Garrett, Dale Britt, Casey Underwood, Jonathan Allen, Eric Wingate, Dustin Echenique, Coach Peter Paulus and Coach Craig Dobson.

## Sun sports this week

March 30, 2000

Pahokee Lady Blue Devils softball vs. Glades Day, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Central Lady Raiders softball vs. Lake Worth, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators softball vs. Pahokee, home, 4 p.m.

Glades Day tennis vs. Clewiston, home, 4 p.m.

Glades Central tennis vs. Cardinal Newman, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Gators JV baseball vs. John Carroll, home, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Gators varsity baseball vs. John Carroll, away, 7 p.m.

March 31, 2000

Glades Central girls track team, John I Leonard Classic, away, 3:30 p.m.

Glades Day tennis vs. Kings Academy, home, 4 p.m.

Pahokee girls track team, John I Leonard Classic, away, 3:30 p.m.

Glades Day Gators JV baseball, vs. Glades Central, away, 6 p.m.

Glades Central Flag Football vs. Pahokee, home, 97 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators varsity softball vs. John Carroll, away, 4 p.m.

Pahokee Flag Football vs. Glades Central, away, 67 p.m.

April 1, 2000

Glades Central boys track team, John I Leonard Classic, away, 3:30 p.m.

Pahokee boys track team, John I Leonard Classic, away, 3:30 p.m.

April 3, 2000

Pahokee Lady Blue Devils softball, vs. Royal Palm Beach, home, 4 p.m.

Glades Central varsity baseball vs. Ft. Lauderdale Christian, away, 6 p.m.

Glades Central Lady Raiders softball vs. Forest Hill, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators softball vs. Pahokee, home, 4 p.m.

April 4, 2000

Pahokee Lady Blue Devils softball, vs. Kings Academy, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators varsity softball vs. Benjamin, away, 4 p.m.

Pahokee Flag Football vs. Palm Beach Gardens, home, 67 p.m.

Glades Day Gators JV baseball vs. John Carroll, away, TBA.

Glades Day Lady Gators varsity softball vs. John Carroll, home, 4 p.m.

April 6, 2000

Pahokee Lady Blue Devils softball, vs. St. Edwards, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Gators JV baseball vs. St. Andrews, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Gators varsity baseball vs. St. Andrews, home, 7 p.m.

ball vs. St. Andrews, home, 7 p.m.

Glades Central varsity-baseball vs. Jupiter, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators JV softball vs. St. Andrews, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators varsity softball vs. St. Andrews, home, 4 p.m.

Glades Central tennis vs. John Leonard, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day tennis vs. Lake Placid, home, 4 p.m.

April 7, 2000

Glades Central track team, conference, home, 3:30 p.m.

Glades Day Gators varsity baseball vs. Glades Central, away, 7 p.m.

Pahokee track team, conference, away, 3:30 p.m.

Glades Central varsity baseball vs. Glades Day, home, 7 p.m.

Glades Central Lady Raiders softball vs. Royal Palm Beach, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators JV softball vs. Moore Haven, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators varsity softball vs. St. Edwards, away, 3:30 p.m.

Glades Central tennis vs. Clewiston, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day tennis vs. LaBelle, home, 3:30 p.m.

## Free Fishing Weekend

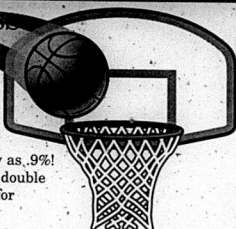
April 1-2

The weekend of April 1-2 is Free Fishing Weekend. Anglers in Florida will not need a license to fish in freshwater on these two days (Of course, all other fishing regulations remain in effect.)

This is a great opportunity to introduce a friend to the sport!

It's MARCH MADNESS here at Steve Moore AutoNation of Belle Glade!

Drive the lane and score some major savings! We are slam dunking the competition with interest rates as low as .9%! Rebound from high payments, don't double dribble! Travel on out to the country for some home court hospitality!



Steve Moore AutoNation of Belle Glade

1700 E. Old Palm Beach Road

Belle Glade, FL 33430

561-992-9700 • 800-876-6788

www.autonationdirect.com



We'll Be There  
2000 Chevy  
Malibu Sedan

3100 V6, Auto, A/C, AM/FM Stereo w/ Cassette, 4 Wheel ABS Brakes, Much, Much, Moore

**\$14,798**

STW023570



Most Dependable, Longest-Lasting Trucks on the Road  
2000 Chevy 3/4 Ton Silverado LS xCab

3000hp, P Windows & Door Locks, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM Stereo w/ CD, Keyless Entry, Locking Differential, Trailer Towing Package, Polished Aluminum Wheels.

**\$26,899**

STW023633



Start Something  
1999 Oldsmobile  
Silhouette

Power Windows & Locks, Leather, Remote Keyless Entry, Was \$26,940. SAVE OVER \$4,900! Now...

**\$21,999**

STW034129



Most Dependable, Longest-Lasting Trucks on the Road.

1999 Chevy  
Tahoe LT

Loaded, Leather, Dual Air.

**\$31,299**

STW020901



COME BY AND SEE THE ALL NEW SUBURBAN & TAHOE IN STOCK TODAY!

Most Dependable, Longest-Lasting Trucks on the Road.

2000 Chevy  
Blazer 2 Door

Loaded! Auto, A/C, P Windows & Door Locks, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM Stereo w/ CD, Deep Tinted Glass. Much, Much, Moore.

**\$18,999**

STW030811



Driving Excitement

2000 Pontiac  
Bonneville SE Sedan

Style, Performance and Quality - All Wrapped Up in One Awesome Car!

**\$24,499**

STW030819



Driving Excitement

2000 Pontiac Grand  
Prix SE Sedan

Widertrack, Loaded!

**\$18,499**

STW035491



INTEREST  
RATES AS  
LOW AS  
**.9%**

Most Dependable, Longest-Lasting Trucks on the Road.

2000 Chevy S10  
Pickup

A/C, P Steering & Brakes, AM/FM Stereo & Much, Much, Moore

**\$11,499**

STW0108734



All Prices Include Four  
County Rebate &  
GM Incentives

(Dade, Broward, Monroe & Palm Beach Counties)

WE'VE GOT 3/4 TON EXTENDED CAB 2 & 4 WHEEL DRIVES IN STOCK!

Isn't it time for a real car?

2000 Buick LeSabre  
Custom Sedan

3800 V6, Tilt, Cruise, P Windows & Door Locks

**\$22,499**

STW030700



Start Something  
2000 Oldsmobile  
Intrigue GX Sedan

Loaded with P Windows & Door Locks, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM Stereo w/ Cassette, Aluminum Wheels and Much, Much, Moore

**\$19,999**

STW034462





Sunspots/From Page 1

### Chamber Golf Tournament

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce second annual golf tournament will be held at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course Saturday, April 29. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. First Place: \$80; 1st certificate, Second place, \$60 gift certificate, Third place \$40 gift certificate. Entry fee is \$40, \$25 to sponsor a cart, \$100 to sponsor a tee, \$250 package includes foursome and tee sponsorship. Lunch will be provided.

All checks should be made to the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, 540 S. Main Street, Belle Glade 33430.

For more information or to register by phone, call Janine Goforth at (561) 996-2745.

### Applications for Black Gold events

Numerous activities are planned for the 2000 Black Gold Jubilee.

Anyone needing an application for the tennis tournament, volleyball, arts and crafts booths, Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold, the Photography Contest, parade, 5K Walk/Run, Children's Fishing contest, or any other event can pick one up at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call the Chamber at 996-2745 or Jubilee Chair Carl Seibert at 993-3343.

### Retirement party for Dr. Effie Grear

Members of the community are invited to a retirement dinner for Dr. Effie C. Grear, principal of Glades Central High School.

The party will be held on Saturday, April 8 at 6 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Those persons wishing to attend may contact Sarah Bennett, 964 Linda Road, Belle Glade, Florida, 33430.

Cost of the dinner is \$30 per guest. Checks should be written to the Effie C. Grear Retirement Fund.

### Jam Session

American Legion, Post #20 is hosting a Jam Session on Saturday, March 25 from 7 to 10 p.m. to promote membership. Admission to the Jam Session is free, but a suggested donation is a covered dish.

### GED test offered

The GED test will be given at Glades Central Community High School on March 20 and 21 at 8:30 a.m. and March 21, 22, and 23 at 6 p.m. Adults should register in the Community School office before 3 p.m. on March 17. The cost of the test is \$40.

For more information call 993-4404.

### Class meeting

Classmates of the class of 1990, Glades Central Community High are urged to attend the next class meeting on April 16 at Stick's Apartment.

For more information, call Michael Tyler at 996-8407, Luma Nelson at 992-8064 or Orlanda Jasper at 996-1108.

### Harvest Queen Pageant

The Harvest Queen Pageant will be held April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at First Community Bank in Belle Glade.

For more information, call Becky White at 996-5800.

### Black Gold Tennis Tournament

The Black Gold Tennis Tournament will be held April 1-8. There is no entry fee and the tournament format includes a consolation round, so all competitors will play at least two matches.

If enough entries are received, Tennis Chair Ken Buchanan says a compass format will be used in which time competitors win or lose, they gravitate toward players of comparable ability levels who have had the same results in the previous round. A player or team can lose the first three matches and still be guaranteed a spot in one of eight finals.

Sign up now for men and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles by contacting Mr. Buchanan at 996-6107.

### Booth space available for Black Gold Jubilee

Vendor booth applications

are now being accepted for the 2000 Black Gold Jubilee to be held April 15. Applications may be obtained from the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce or by calling 993-3343.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2000.

### Children's Day 2000 in the Glades

In conjunction with the "Week of the Young Child" April 9-15, there will be a Children's Day 2000 in the Glades on Friday, April 14 at Rardin Park in Belle Glade.

Special guest will be Ronald McDonald and a live concert performance by "Ms. Maggie." There will also be a bounce house and games for the children.

### 5K Walk/Run

Applications for the Black Gold Jubilee 5K Walk/Run can be obtained by calling Linda Lee at 996-6722 or by stopping by the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. This year's 5K Walk/Run will be held Saturday, April 15 at the Municipal Golf Course.

Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. and the race starts at 7:30 a.m.

### Gospel Sing

The annual Jubilee Gospel Sing will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11 at Community United Methodist Church.

If you or your organization would be interested in performing, please call the church office at 996-5568 for more information.

### Census 2000

Anyone needing assistance in completing the "Census 2000" form they received recently in the mail can now get help.

Employees at Peppi Headstart, 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade, will be glad to assist, or you may call 996-1718.

### Little Mr. and Miss

The 2000 Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold contest is back by popular demand! The event will be held at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

The ages for each category are: Tiny Mr. and Miss, for three and four year olds and Little Mr. and Miss for children ages five and six.

The event is co-sponsored by Palm Beach Community College and the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

Applications are available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. For more information call 996-2745.

## Palms West MRI hosts open house for new Open MRI facility

Palms West MRI held an open house for doctors and staff at the new location of their state-of-the-art Open MRI facility at 11337 Okeechobee Blvd. in Royal Palm Beach Friday.

In a news release celebrating the grand opening, Palms West MRI staff described the new Hitachi AIRIS II Open MRI system as providing the best scan quality and unsurpassed for its

open design which offers patients the best of both worlds: unsurpassed patient comfort with state of the art imaging technology.

Palms West MRI was the first Open MRI in Palm Beach County and is proud to continue the leadership. The new AIRIS Open Air MR equipment provides clinical advantages for doctors who refer their patients to the facility.

### Development/From Pg. 1

predicting that it will be "fully occupied very soon," and he noted that the old Lakeshore Middle School is being converted to a community center which will house the Meals on Wheels program. Senior Citizens, the workforce development board, and after school programs for children.

Not only will South Bay residents be able to take advantage of those services and job opportunities, but the commissioner said South Bay will benefit from the "spillover" of businesses seeking to relocate to the area.

South Bay Mayor Clarence Anthony echoed the commissioner's forecast of good times ahead.

"We have a 170 acre park of commerce where we hope to attract some major corporation to provide jobs for our city," the mayor said, noting that with

the city 91 percent built out, the future plans involve expanding the city's boundaries. "Seventy-six homes are slated to be built on US 27, with a nature park and a recreation park planned to go hand in hand with that."

"We have a major boat ramp improvement project going on now, in keeping with the scenic trail."

The mayor said it was 16 years to the day that he was first sworn in as a commissioner. "When I think back to where we have come from—we didn't have a library and we didn't have paved streets with sidewalks," Mayor Anthony said.

The city of South Bay hosted the Open House to reacquaint the public with the administrative office complex which was displaced for nearly two years after the building was devastated by a fire.

City Manager Michael Jack-

son said the move back into the newly renovated city hall is a testimony to the resiliency of the city's staff, commission and the community, and their commitment to the progress the city is intent on making.

Mr. Jackson noted that when he came to the city hall the night of the fire he wondered how they would be able to go on and conduct city business.

"On Monday when the administrative staff gathered he found out what had really happened they expected a vacation. We started relocating that day to the temporary facility. For a while even finding a stapler was a challenge, but on Tuesday we were taking payment on water bills," Mr. Jackson said.

"When this initially happened, we wondered how we'd go on. Now we're not only reopening, but we're better because of it," Mr. Jackson said.



Bob Williams, who serves on the Port of Palm Beach, was the guest speaker recently at the Belle Glade Rotary Club. Mr. Williams is currently running for the office of Palm Beach County Tax Collector.

### Women/From Page 1

cations Award.

•Mali Soto Channess, vice president, First Bank of Clewiston, who received the Banking Award.

•Ada Bush Conely, former owner, Conely, Lohmann and Co., Pahokee, who received the Business Award.

•Karen L. Corbin, pianist, organist and accompanist, Belle Glade who received the Arts Award.

•Kathy B. Cross, owner/president Everglades Trading and Supply, Belle Glade who received the Business Award.

•Tammy R. Foster, Lieutenant, Glades Correctional Institute, Belle Glade who received the Law Enforcement Award.

•Gladys Givens-Barber, director, Building Blocks, Belle Glade and Farrar Family Center, South Bay; Interim Executive, Director, Noah Development, Belle Glade who received the Child Care Award.

•Dr. Effie C. Grear, principal Glades Central High School, Belle Glade, who received the Education Award.

•Opal Royal Hancock, retired, United States Sugar Corporation, Clewiston, who received the Community Service Award.

•Sandra Heber, director, Wellness Department, Hendry Regional Medical Center, Clewiston, who received the Health Award.

•Elizabeth Hernandez-Cayson, community relations specialist, Palm Beach County Health Care District, Belle Glade, who received the Health Award.

•Evelyn Johnson, social services' facilitator, Palm Beach County School Board, Belle Glade, who received the Social Services Award.

•G. Eugenia Jones, Area IV Superintendent, Palm Beach County School Board, Belle Glade, who received the Education Award.

•Mamie Washington Kendall, Esq., Attorney and partner, Key and Washington Kendall, Belle Glade, who received the Law Award.

•Elizabeth Lopez, P.A., Physician Assistant, Integrated Professional Medical Services, Pahokee, who received the Medicine Award.

•Harma M. Miller, Mayor, City of Belle Glade, who received the Politics Award.

•Barbara Oehlbeck, author, Muse, who received the Arts Award.

•Mary B. Orsengio, retired, Palm Beach Community College/Glades, Community Relations, Bank of Belle Glade (part-time), who received the Community Service Award.

•Phyllis J. Pursell, vice president, agricultural operations, Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, Belle Glade, who received the Agriculture Award.

•Donia Adams Roberts, Esq., attorney, Belle Glade, who received the Law Award.

•Lee Sutterfield, deputy, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Belle Glade, who received the Law Enforcement Award.

•Janet B. Taylor, Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County, Clewiston, who received the Politics Award.

•Ann Spann Tyler, Artist and Author, Belle Glade, who received the Arts Award.

•Shirley M. Walker, program director, PEPPi Headstart, Belle Glade, who received the Child Care Award.

•Rev. Patricia Wallace, pastor, Harvest AME Church, Pahokee, supervisor of data entry, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Belle Glade, who received the Social Services Award.

•Mary Weeks, R.N., chief nursing officer, Glades General Hospital, Belle Glade, who received the Medicine Award.

•Ellen Wine, controller and assistant secretary/treasurer, United States Sugar Corporation, Clewiston, who received the Agriculture Award.

In addition to the 31 area women who were recognized for their professional contributions and community service in the Glades, PBCC celebrated Women's History Month by bestowing special awards to those whose advocacy have supported cultural and educational advancement in the Glades.

Receiving special awards were:

•Sandra Gove Chamblee, co-owner Chamblee Farms, Belle Glade, administrator of Glades Health Survey, Belle Glade, who was the recipient of the Community Advocate Award.

The daughter of the late Geneva Gove, for whom Gove Elementary School in Belle Glade is named, Mrs. Chamblee has been recognized as the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, Farm Bureau Farm Family of the Year, is the former president of Planned Approach to Community Health, Women Involved in Farm Economics, vice president of State Association for Retarded Citizens, Leadership Glades, and Leadership Palm Beach County, president of the Belle Glade Women's Club and co-chair PBCC President's Partnership Council.

Mrs. Chamblee said she became involved in so many different projects on the state and county level because "she learned early on that the Glades area was often not represented at those meetings. 'I've never done anything that I haven't gotten more out of it than what I gave,' Mrs. Chamblee said.

•Liska Hooker, Belle Glade, was the recipient of the Cultural Arts Award. A member of PBCC President's Partnership Council, Mrs. Hooker began the

Performing arts series at PBCC/Glades prior to the construction of a theatre and was active in the funding and construction of the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

•Marjorie Kelly, retired vice president, Clewiston Motor Company (Kelly Tractor) received the Benefactors Award. At 91, Mrs. Kelly said she has always saved a little bit of what she has earned, and because she wanted to see the impact of her scholarship gifts while she was living, rather than leaving the money to a trust, she established the Pop and Marj Kelly Scholarship Fund at PBCC/Glades, which has served 405 students thus far.

•Ruth S. Wedgworth, owner, Wedgworth Farms, Belle Glade, was honored posthumously with the Pioneer Award in Memoriam, accepted by her great granddaughter, Peggy Altman. Named "Woman of the Year" by Progressive Farmer, Citizen of the Year, by the Belle Glade Chamber, inductee to the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame, Florida Woman of the Year in Agriculture and recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Florida Farm Bureau and Excellence in Industry and Business Award from Palm Beach County, Miss Altman noted that her grandmother continued with her husband's business after his untimely death, despite great odds, and passed on to three generations of the Wedgworth family her belief in the people, history and heritage of the Glades.

Agriculture and Real Estate, Belle Glade, received a standing ovation as the recipient of the "Grand Dame" award. A lifelong resident of Belle Glade, graduate of PBCC who received her law degree from "Stetson University, Mrs. Hand was recognized as the "energizing force" of many events and causes. Founder of the Red Cross Luncheon and Fashion Show, she coordinated funding and planning for the construction of PBCC's Glades campus as well as the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

Saying she didn't deserve the special recognition, Mrs. Hand said, "Standing here looking out across this room, 98 percent of the people in this room have helped me one way or another. All my life we've always done things together."

"I've been so blessed in my life, time it frightens me. The greatest earthly blessing I have is my husband who helped me become aware of how blessed we have been," Mrs. Hand said, adding, "no matter how much beauty and pleasure you can give, you can't out-give the Lord. To God be the glory as we work together to do things."



# Afro-Arts Festival Highlights



Photos by Adrian "Big A" Vereen  
996-2340







**DYESS REAL ESTATE**

3BR, 2BA POOL	\$119,000.00
4BR, 3BA	130,000.00
New 4BR, 3BA (POOL)	
3BR, 2 BA	85,000.00
3BR, 1BA	37,500.00
3BR, 2BA Reduced	55,000.00
3BR, 2BA	100,000.00
3BR, 2BA POOL	98,000.00
3BR, 2BA POOL	119,000.00
3BR, 2BA POOL	119,500.00
3BR, 2BA 5 ACRES	98,500.00
4BR, 2 1/2BA on river	179,000.00
3BR, 2BA	90,000.00
4BR, 2BA	98,000.00
4BR, 2BA	80,000.00
4BR, 3BA Reduced	142,500.00
3BR, 2BA 4.62 Ac	165,000.00
<b>CONDO</b>	
2BR, 2BA with a lot of extras	

MOBILE HOMES	
4BR, 2BA 3/4 acre	85,000.00
3BR, 2BA on lake	95,000.00
3BR, 2BA Flagpole	74,500.00
2BR, 2BA Lake	60,000.00
4BR, 2BA Lake	68,000.00
2BR, 2BA Reduced	51,000.00
2BR, 2BA	40,500.00
2BR, 2BA workshop	47,500.00
3BR, 2BA pool	75,000.00
2BR, 2BA on Canal	85,000.00
Commercial Lot	58,000.00
SMALL & LARGE ACREAGE TRACTS	
Duplex 1BR, 1BA	66,700.00

**ANN DYESS** (941) 983-8979  
**FAYE KELTING** (941) 983-8775  
**PATTY TRUITT** (941) 983-6703  
**TIMOTHY CRANE** (941) 983-9484

**Place your ad here!**  
**Call toll-free,**  
**877-353-2424.**

**EARNEST H. RAWLS**  
 REALTOR  
 1000 N. W. 10th Ave., Suite 100  
 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304  
 (954) 461-6574  
 (954) 461-6575  
 FAX: (954) 461-6576

**Residential - Chelveston**

3BR, 2BA with access to Northside	\$95,000
4BR, 2BA, MH, Assisted Mgt. Only	\$41,500
3BR, 2BA, DW MH w/corridor Sec. m. & ill.	Only \$25,000
3BR, 2BA, MH w/bath extra 1.25 AC	
3BR, 1BA, CBS, like new, good financing available	\$55,000
3BR, 1BA, close to shopping	\$55,000
Lg. 3BR, 2BA w/pool on Ridge	\$219,000
3BR, 2BA, CBS, Carolina area. Reduced	\$29,900
3BR, 1BA, CBS, Florida area	\$45,000
3BR, 2BA, CBS, Fin. Rm., landsc. yard, great location, NORTHGIDE	\$90,000
Bank Foreclosures - Call for details	
3BR, 2BA, in Horsemen Acres, Reduced	\$65,000
<b>More Bares</b>	
3BR, 1BA, Downtown Historic Dist	\$79,900

2BR, 1BA, MH, Walkout	\$48,800
2.31 Acres	\$25,000
<b>Meatery</b>	
1.25 Ac, wheel, septic, pad, driveway	
ready for home	\$12,000
Lrg Lot	\$10,000
<b>Lottery</b>	
3BR, 2BA, Manufactured Home on Canal Front lot	
with many trees	\$64,000
Water Front Horsestable	\$20,000
<b>Acres, Land &amp; Lots</b>	
35+ Acres with home	\$112,000
50 Acres -Wooded-	\$2000 per acre
5, 10 or 15 Ac, Cypress Ave. Main	
12.5 Acres	\$35,000
1.25 Acres Lake-Mountains	

1742C Lakeland Lot -	\$12,000
Lrg. Lot, Multi-family, Northside in Clewiston,	\$21,000
<b>Commercial</b>	
Commercial site w/bldg. in downtown Clewiston.	Only \$89,000
Corner Lot in Clewiston -	\$15,000
Large Commercial Lot,	\$20,000

Visit our website for other listings at:  
[www.RAINSPREALLESTATE.COM](http://www.RAINSPREALLESTATE.COM)  
 E-Mail: [ehra@raia.gstate.net](mailto:ehra@raia.gstate.net)

## Central Homes of Clewiston

**Weekly Specials**

**\*\*PRICED REDUCED\*\*** Seminole Manor 27 doublewide mobile with screen room, carport, steel, wash/dry, stove & fridge. 761 Bowden Rd. Asking only \$41,900. **ASPNCR2**

**MONTURA** 1994 Redman 2 bedrooms/1 bath single mobile home on fenced corner lot. Pine Cone & Hacienda. Asking \$28,000. **PMNT2972**

**WATERFRONT PROPERTY** Located on Evercree Rd. 2 bedrooms/2 bath home with screen room. **WATERFRONT**

**PIONEER PLANTATION 1996**  
Reddish Doublewide Mobile, 3 bed-  
room/2 bath on 25 fenced acres - 1250  
Lakeview - comes with stove, fridge,  
dishwasher & storage shed. Asking  
\$63,900. 6771150.

**LOT #94 TROPICAL M. H. V. 2 bed-  
room/2 bath doublewide mobile with  
screen room. Shows well - Asking only  
\$19,900. 6774374.**

**885 REDDISH CIRCLE, only life 1990**  
Stylized doublewide, 3 bedrooms/2 bath  
mobile with stove, fridge, washer/dryer.

sheds, workshop & new roof & A.C.  
Asking \$49,900.

**ADULT PARK LOT #7 SOUTH, This 2  
bedroom 2 bath single mobile is located  
in Clewiston Trailer Park. Just \$14,900.  
Must see is appreciate. #L1725**

**LOT 146 TROPICAL M-H V 1993 D1  
mobile with Florida room & shed. Home  
in excellent condition. Reduced \$33,900.  
New siding only \$22,900 #172746**

**2160 W. Hwy. 27, Clewiston, FL.  
941-983-4663  
or 941-250-8654**

**GOING OUT OF BUSINESS**

# SALE

*Everything must go!*

## 30% - 75% OFF

Now through March 31, 2000

**Hoods Sales & Service**

**Auto & Truck Parts**

216 SE Avenue E Belle Glade

(561) 996-9400

**Ameri  
Home Housing**

➤ Home Loans  
➤ Refinancing  
➤ Debt Consolidations

*Low Interest Fast Approval*

**Call Barbara Phillips**  
**(863) 983-3252**

**Sugar Realty**

*"The Difference  
That is Yours"*

**Luan Walker**

Lt. Real Estate Broker

**\*Owner Must Sell\***  
3BR/2BA MH on Lake  
new wood deck,  
fenced, irrigation system,  
fireplace and many more  
extra! Offered at \$39,900

**\*Tower Lakes\* 3BR/2BA**  
MH on 72 acres, fenced,  
deck, pool, work shed and  
fireplace. Affordable at  
\$61,500

**\*Brick Home\* 3BR/2BA,**  
Northside, over 2,000 sq. ft.  
living, screen porch and  
new corner lot. Call Now!

**\*Remodeled Home\* 2**  
BR/1BA, ceramic tile  
floor, fenced, pool and  
garage. Offered at \$39,900  
rental on commercial prop-  
erty. Reduced \$49,900

**\*Concrete Block Home\***  
2BR/1BA, fenced, stainless  
dish, 14 x 24 garage shed  
central air, new pool inside.  
Must see at \$63,900

**WATERFRONT PROPERTY** Located on Okeechobee Rd., Indian Lake, South shore with screen porch, 1 1/2 baths, tile and carpet, 4 bedrooms. Call now! Must see to appreciate. Selling \$279,000 (NMI)

**PIONEER PLANTATION** 1996 Indian Dunesville Model, 2 1/2 baths, pool on 2.5 fenced acres - 1250 sq. ft. - 4 bedrooms - corner with large, big, driveway & garage shed. Asking \$499,000 OFFER!!

**LOT #61 TROPICAL M.H. 2 1/2** bed-rooms but double double mobile with screen room, Show shed - Asking only \$159,900 DTGTHYH

**ONE BEACH CIRCLE, one MI 1996** style double mobile, 1 1/2 bedrooms, tile mobile with stove, fridge, washer/dryer, working in new road & A.C. Asking \$49,900

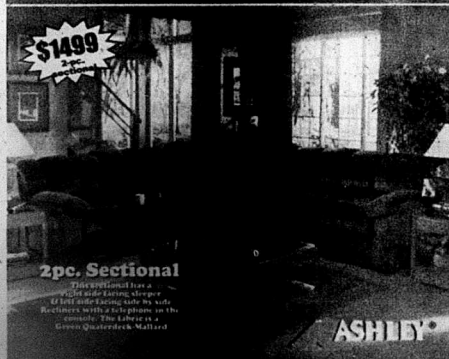
**ANITA PINELOT LOT 4600TLE, This 2** bedrooms! both single mobile & is in Christian Valley Park, Just \$44,900. Must see!!

**LOT #107 TROPICAL M.H. 1990** 21 mobile with 2 1/2 baths, new & dual bath in excellent condition. Reduced \$189,900. Call now!! \$229,000 (774747)

**2160 W. Hwy. 71, Clewiston, FL**  
**941-983-4663**  
**or 941-250-8654**

# Royal's Year 2000 71<sup>ST</sup> Founders Day Sale

Serving Our Customers Since 1929, Hometown Stores, Serving Hometown People!



**2pc. Sectional**

This beautiful set is a perfect addition to any living room. It features a large sectional sofa and a matching coffee table. The set is made of high-quality materials and is designed to last.

**ASHLEY**

**Royal's In-Store Financing Available\***

**90 Days Same As Cash!**

\*With Approved Credit



**Top Grain Leather**

This great set is made of top grain leather. It features a large sectional sofa and a matching coffee table. The set is designed to last and is perfect for any living room.

**MILLENNIUM**

**SAVE Now! During Royal's 71<sup>ST</sup> Founders Day Sale**



**7pc. Dining Group or 2pc. Lifted China**

This beautiful set is a perfect addition to any dining room. It features a round dining table and matching chairs. The set is made of high-quality materials and is designed to last.

**ASHLEY**

**Enjoy One Stop Shopping At Royal's Furniture**

**For all Your Home Furnishing Needs!**



**5pc. Traditional Dining Set**

This great set is made of traditional materials. It features a round dining table and matching chairs. The set is designed to last and is perfect for any dining room.

**5pc. Dining Group or 2pc. Matching Server with Mirror Hutch**

**Living Room Groups • Dining Room Groups • Bedroom Groups**



**Golden Oak 4pc Bedroom**

This beautiful set is a perfect addition to any bedroom. It features a large bed, a dresser, and a mirror. The set is made of high-quality materials and is designed to last.

**ASHLEY**

**There are Hundreds Of Items On Sale Now, During Royal's 71<sup>ST</sup> Founders Day Sale**



**Pearlwood 4pc Bedroom**

This great set is made of high-quality materials. It features a large bed, a dresser, and a mirror. The set is designed to last and is perfect for any bedroom.

**ASHLEY**

Since 1929  
**Royal's**

**FURNITURE**  
APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS

"Hometown Stores serving Hometown People"

225 W. CANAL STREET NORTH  
BELLE GLADE  
561-996-7646

117 S. DEANE DUFF  
CLEWISTON  
941-983-4121

400 SW AVENUE A  
BELLE GLADE  
561-996-2275

3660 SOUTH US 27  
SEBRING  
941-385-2571

1506 LAKE TRAFFORD ROAD  
IMMOKALEE  
941-657-6138

131 WEST MAIN STREET  
WAUCHULA  
941-773-4000



**90 Days Same As Cash Available\***

\*WITH APPROVED CREDIT

**ROYAL'S E-Z FINANCING**